House Resolution No. 3355

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Paul E. Walker lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Shelby J. Privett, during a solemn ceremony on June 15, 1958, at the First Baptist Church in Caruthersville, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Paul and Shelby Walker have had the pleasure of raising two children, Della Kathryn Steadman of Middletown, Connecticut, and Kelly Alexanderia Harden of Dyersburg, Tennessee; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, now retired, Paul Walker has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes serving in the United State Navy for twenty-five years, during which time he earned five Good Conduct awards; co-owning H&W Auto Electric for nineteen years; and being a Melvin Jones Fellow and a member of the Lions Club of Caruthersville and the Holland Club; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Shelby Walker further distinguished herself as a bank teller at Focus Bank in Caruthersville for twenty-two years prior to her retirement, a four-year member of the Caruthersville City Council, President of E7,8, 9ers Club, Treasurer and Woman of the Year of the B&PW Club, and a recipient of a Certificate of Appreciation from the United States Navy; and

Whereas, during their half century together, Paul and Shelby Walker have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Walker of Caruthersville will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on July 13, 2008, at the very church in which they became husband and wife:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Paul and Shelby Walker and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Walker.

Offered by	
	Representative Terry Swinger
	District No. 162

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3355, adopted June 4, 2008.